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Ms. Donna Searcy, Secretary
FCC
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Searcy

The FCC has requested comment on whether it should establish preferential leased access channel rates for not-for-profit programmers. (NPRM paragraph 153) YES!!! I strongly urge you to do so. Commercial networks are not, and never will be, capable of watching out for "community" needs as local based programmers, that these rates would aid, are able to.

This is the only way new programming utilizing local channels will ever be able to provide for local needs above and beyond the "lowest common denominator" cultural standards of commercial networks. Emergence of channel programming not merely aimed at the "herd" will rely on the ability to gain access to these "leased" channels THROUGH LOW RATES.

Congress mandated "leased access" channels to insure/provide the/a diversity of information sources for the public. Non-profit programmers are the only ones uniquely able to meet this need.

Sincerely yours

Ralph Kranz
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